

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS,  
INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

LINDE INC., a Delaware corporation,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-1214

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Court raises this matter sua sponte. With limited exceptions that do not apply here, plaintiffs must serve defendants with a summons and a copy of the complaint within 90 days of filing their complaint. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). If proper service is not made within this time, the Court may on its own accord after notice to the plaintiff dismiss the action for failure to achieve timely service. *Id.*

Plaintiff Northwest Administrators, Inc. filed its complaint on August 9, 2023. Dkt. No. 1. A summons was issued on August 10, 2023. Dkt. No. 3. So the time for serving the summons and complaint—90 days later—expired on November 7, 2023. No proof of service was filed, and Defendant Linde Inc. has not appeared. *See* docket generally.

1 Therefore, it is ORDERED that Northwest Administrators show cause within  
2 14 days of the date of this Order why this matter should not be dismissed without  
3 prejudice under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) for failure to effect timely service.

4 Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

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